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In 1952, two chemists of Farbenfabrik Wolfen, [redacted] initials E and T developed a substitute for industrial enamel. The new product proved satisfactory under rigorous chemical tests and was much cheaper than the usual enamelling. The experimental production of this ET putty amounted to about 1 ton per day and was scheduled to be increased to 3 tons per day up to 1 July 1953. Frau Hess (fnu), head of the Chemistry Section of the State Planning Commission, ordered the daily production in- creased to 30 tons up to the spring of 1954. State Secretary Dr. Werner Winkler ordered Dipl. Ing. Keune (fnu) of the Berlin branch, head of the Engineering and Designing Office of the Chemical Industry, to design a plant for industrial production of ET putty at Farbenfabrik Wolfen. ET putty proved easily appli- cable with spatula and sticks and firmly stuck to plates and sheets, con- structive elements, pipes, and other structures when dried. The electrical conductance of ET putty was almost nil. [redacted] interes- ting that such a quantity of this kind of putty should be scheduled to be produced. [redacted] Huettnerwerk Thale was, however, the only large enamelling plant in East Germany able to cover both the entire industrial and civilian demand.

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